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ANNUAL REPORT of the TOWN OFFICES of DALTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Victor St.Cyr	Term Expires 2005
Brian Hardy	Term Expires 2004
Dean Sweeney	Term Expires 2003

TOWN CLERK
Sandra B. York

TAX COLLECTOR
Jessie Wentworth

TREASURER
Eleanor Hart

AUDITOR
Mercier Group

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS
Tammy Letson, Barbara Candar, Anne Rush

POLICE CHIEF
John E. Tholl, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF
Allen Blakslee

ROAD AGENT
Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER
Kevin Sweeney

MODERATOR
Charles Packard

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER
John E. Tholl, Jr.

LIBRARIAN
Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jean Abbott	Term Expires 2005
Nancy Comeau	Term Expires 2004
Amber McGuire	Term Expires 2003

PLANNING BOARD

Leon Cloutier, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2003
John Letson	Appointment Expires 2004
Dean Sweeney	Appointment Expires 2003
Michael Loughnane	Appointment Expires 2004
Michele Rzepa	Appointment Expires 2004
Linda Cloutier - Alternate	

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Doris Mitton	Term Expires 2003
Jessie Wentworth	Term Expires 2003
Sara Martineau	Term Expires 2006

PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officers, Kathy & Ted Barden	837-9402
Fire Department - non emergency	837-3100
Highway Garage	837-9821
Library	837-2751
Police Department - non emergency	837-2703
Selectmen's Office	837-2092
Tax Collector	837-9802
Town Clerk	837-2092
Fax Line	837-9642

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department	7 AM - 3:30 PM	Mon-Fri
Library	2 PM - 5 PM	Mon & Wed
	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Wed
	10 AM - 12 noon	Saturday
Police Department	5 PM - 8 PM	Monday
Selectmen's Office &	11 AM to 5:45 PM	Monday
Town Clerk	7 AM to 5 PM	Tues,Wed,Thur
Tax Collector	4 PM to 7 PM	Monday
	9 AM to 12 noon	Thursday
First Saturday of each month 10 AM to 12 noon		
Transfer Station	12 noon - 5 PM	Tuesday
	8 AM - 5 PM	Saturday

Selectmen meet every Monday (except holidays) at 6:00 PM
Planning Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

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Dalton Town Warrant

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March 2003, to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 8 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Dalton School Gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars ($536,406) for general Town operations.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectmen recommend this article.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars ($16,000) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000) to be added to the Police Department Cruiser Capital Reserve Account . Said funds to be offset by the sale of the 1996 Police Department Cruiser. Selectmen recommend this article.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Dollars ($26,612) for the purchase of a new police cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($26,400) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Account created for that purpose.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000) for the purchase of new street signs for Enhanced 911 addressing purposes.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be added to the Pay Per Bag Replacement Fund Account previously established for the repurchase of bags for the "Pay Per Bag" system. The source of these funds will be 25 cents from each bag sold. Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to change the classification of the "Cross Rd" from a Class VI road to a Class V road and to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to begin the process of bringing the road up to Class V specifications. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the road has been brought up to Class 5 specifications. Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) for the purchase and construction of a Support Vehicle to replace S1. Such sum to come from the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Taxes will not be raised for this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000) to update the property valuation of the dam on the Connecticut River owned by American Tissue as part of the Town's re-certification.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars ($8,660) for a generator to support the Town Hall and Fire Station. Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five Dollars ($6,495) is the State's share of a 75/25 grant and the town share is Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five Dollars ($2,165), and to also raise and appropriate Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for the generator's installation.

14. To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to help support The Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Six Hundred Ninety Five ($695) to pay Dalton's share of the operating budget for the Mount Washington Regional Airport; (The towns which are members of the Regional Authority are Bethlehem, Littleton, Franconia, Jefferson, Lancaster, Sugar Hill, Twin Mtn., Whitefield and N. Woodstock.) The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Transfer Station Repair, Replacement & Equipment Trust Fund to the Landfill Closure Trust Fund to help defray the costs of the final closure of the landfill. A 2/3 majority vote is required. The Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:9-a, to be known as the Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of maintaining and upgrading town cemeteries and to further raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000). The source of these funds will be 1/2 the amount of any monies received from the sale of any cemetery lot. Also to see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen to act as agents to expend this fund.

18. To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Said funds to come from the sale of the 1975 International Support Unit. Taxes will not be raised for this appropriation. This vehicle will be sold by sealed bid. The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be added to the Highway Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. Said funds to come from the sale of the 1986 Highway Department GMC cab and chassis. Taxes will not be raised for this appropriation. This vehicle will be sold by sealed bids. The Selectmen recommend this article.

20. Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Dalton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $10,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older $20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have an income of not more than $15,000 or, if married, a combined income of less than $25,000; and have assets not in excess of $40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost for insurance in the country; and Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for new Hampshire families has increased by 45 percent in three years and now averages $8500 a year; and Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77 percent of them have a full-time worker at home; and Whereas, due to the rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for

their employees, now, therefore be it resolved that we, the citizens of Dalton, New Hampshire call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that: Everyone in New Hampshire, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive; Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system; Every family and individual in New Hampshire receives high equality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and that these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care. Petitioned article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 215-A:7, II for all Class VI roads in said town of Dalton, N.H., and allow all Class VI Roads to be groomed and used for snowmobile traffic from December 15 through April 15 of each year. Petitioned article.

23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dean Sweeney
Brian Hardy
Victor St.Cyr

Budget for 2003

General Government	Appropriated 2002	Actual 2002	Estimated 2003
Executive	$ 7,200.00	$ 5,103.95	$ 7,200.00
North Country Council	860.00	859.60	878.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals	400.00	400.00	400.00
Juvenile Diversion Program	528.00	528.00	528.00
Town Clerk	6,000.00	6,091.65	6,000.00
Voter Registration	1,500.00	710.76	500.00
Election	1,500.00	1,189.48	500.00
Financial Administration	57,000.00	54,580.27	60,000.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00	17,500.01	10,000.00
Social Security	10,500.00	9,508.07	11,500.00
Medicare	3,000.00	2,223.67	3,500.00
State Unemployment Tax	1,500.00	335.50	1,500.00
Workers' Compensation Fund	1,840.00	1,839.58	2,601.00
Employee Health Insurance	37,297.00	37,297.20	45,500.00
Planning & Zoning	1,000.00	1,069.02*	1,300.00
General Govt. Bldgs.	8,000.00	5,754.07	8,000.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00	2,904.20	4,000.00

*Planning Board reimbursed $469.22 for subdivision costs

Property-Liability Insurance	12,000.00	7,783.47	12,000.00
Public Safety			
Police	31,450.00	24,533.09	28,650.00
Ambulance	5,380.00	5,380.00	5,380.00
Fire	25,000.00	17,851.74	22,350.00
Fire Lanes	500.00	500.00	500.00
Emergency Management	500.00	--.--	500.00
Forest Fire Control	500.00	454.00*	500.00
Highways & Streets	192,000.00	208,773.90	197,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00	799.22	1,000.00
Sanitation			
Solid Waste	34,500.00	34,578.39	34,500.00
Solid Waste Cleanup	---.--	---.--	5,000.00
Sewage	12,000.00	11,493.51	12,000.00
Health			
Health Administration	750.00	417.28	750.00
Health Agencies	3,878.00	3,878.00	4,227.00
Animal Control	1,200.00	255.00	1,000.00

*Forest Fire Control reimbursed - $187.32 from State of NH

Welfare			
Direct Assistance	2,000.00	1,265.54	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00	800.00	800.00
Culture and Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	750.00	246.48	500.00
Library	9,571.00	9,571.00	9,400.00
Patriotic Purposes	200.00	128.48	200.00
Conservation Commission	700.00	700.00	700.00
Debt Service			
Principal-Long Term Notes	18,352.00	18,352.39	18,890.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	5,010.00	5,009.88	3,652.00
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	10,000.00	---.--	10,000.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00	---.--	1,000.00
TOTALS	***$ 516,166.00***	***$ 500,666.40***	***$536,406 .00***

2002 Under Budget by $15,499.60

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accts. (2002 Warrant Articles: # 3, 4, 5, 8,)	43,000.00	43,000.00

Other 2002 Warrant Articles:

"Pay Per Bag" Replacement Fund #10	5,000.00	2,885.00
Fire Dept Bunker Gear # 9	6,000.00	5,981.50
Caleb Article #13	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Roof # 11	15,000.00	11,300.00
Master Plan #12	2,500.00	906.51
Mt Washington Regional Airport	695.00	695.00

ASSESSMENTS

Executive	$ 7,200.00
Other General Government	1,788.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	9,000.00
Financial Administration	57,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration	16,840.00
Employee Health Insurance	37,297.00
Planning & Zoning	1,000.00
General Government Buildings	8,000.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00
Property/Liability Insurance	12,000.00
Police	31,450.00
Ambulance	5,380.00
Fire	25,000.00
Fire Lanes	500.00
Forest Fire Control	500.00
Emergency Management	500.00
Highway	192,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Solid Waste	34,500.00
Sewage	12,000.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	3,878.00
Health Administration	750.00
Animal Control	1,200.00
Direct Assistance	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00
Parks & Recreation	750.00
Library	9,571.00
Patriotic Purposes	200.00
Conservation Commission	700.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00
Principal - Long Term Debt	18,352.00
Interest - Long Term Debt	5,010.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000.00
Total Appropriations	**$516,166.00**

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Tax	19,700.00
Timber Yield Taxes	10,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000.00
Other Taxes	8,750.00
Inventory Penalties	3,000.00
Excavation Tax	1,390.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	100,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,000.00
Shared Revenue	7,638.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	26,851.00
Highway Block Grant	68,199.00
Water Pollution Grants	8,286.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	671.00
Railroad Tax	3,010.00
Income from Departments	1,300.00
Other Charges	17,000.00
Sale of Municipal Property	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	2,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	6,500.00
Fund Balance	50,200.00
Trust and Agency Funds	850.00
Total Revenues and Credits	**$373,345.00**
Net Town Appropriations	**$226,337.00**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	$ 1,573,402.00
Residential Land	10,099,800.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	273,700.00
Residential Buildings	22,324,700.00
Manufactured Housing	3,615,500.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	5,351,647.00
Public Utilities	1,100,596.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	**$44,339,345.00**
Less Elderly Exemptions	214,100.00
Net Valuation	**$44,125,45.00**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	$184,300.00
Furniture and Equipment	43,500.00
Police Department Equipment	43,800.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	120,000.00
Fire Station Building and Contents	146,700.00
Fire Dept. Vehicles	75,000.00
Town Highway Garage and Contents	198,900.00
Highway Department Vehicles	358,653.00
Transfer Station, Equipment and Contents	44,750.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,450.00
Pump Station and Contents	134,000.00
Total Town Property	**$1,368,053.00**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	$589,861.00
Less Revenues	(373,345.00)
Less Shared Revenues	(7,179.00)
Add: Overlay	5,400.00
War Service Credits	11,600.00
Approved Town Effort	**$226,337.00**
Due to Regional School District	$1,287,145.00
Less Adequate Education Grant	(460,940.00)
State Education Taxes	(258,060.00)
Approved School Effort	**$568,145.00**
State Education Taxes	**$258,060.00**
Due to County	$198,071.00
Less Shared Revenue	(1,412.00)
Approved County Effort	**$196,659.00**
Total Property Taxes Assessed	$ 1,249,201.00
Less War Service Credits	(11,600.00)
Total Property Tax Commitment	**$ 1,237,601.00**

Approved Tax Rate

$28.46

Town - $5.12 Local School - $ 12.88 State School - $6.00

County - $4.46

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance General Checking Account - 12/31/01	**$ 24,688.54**
2002 Receipts	
Tax Collector	$ 1,354,226.35
Town Clerk	129,365.50
Selectmen	152,540.78
Total Receipts	**$ 1,636,132.63**
Transfers to Laconia Trust Account from General Checking Account	- 738,000.00
Transfer from Laconia Trust Account to the General Checking Account	864,500.00
Bank Interest Earned	218.03
2002 Payments-Order of Selectmen	**- 1,750,051.59**
Balance Checking Account 12/31/2002	**$ 37,487.61**
RR Tax received in 2003 for 2002	3,009.61
Payments in 2003 for 2002 budget	2,771.37
Adjustments	848.80
Balance Laconia Trust Account - 12/31/01	**$215,313.70**
Transfers from General Checking Account	738,000.00
Transfers to General Checking Account	-864,500.00
Bank Interest Earned	2,583.81
Balance Laconia Trust Account 12/31/2002	**$ 91,397.51**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 12/31/01	$	904.28
Deposits		3,688.64
Service Charge	-	15.00
Payments	-	2,531.60
Interest Earned	+	4.30
Balance 12/31/02	$	2,050.62

Dalton Conservation Commission Trust Account

Balance 12/31/01	$ 9,385.80
Transfer to Conservation Checking Acct.	-1,000.00
Interest Earned	132.72
Balance 12/31/2002	$ 8,518.52

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Unfortunately with the slow economy the funds have not done as well as hoped. We will continue to invest in cash management accounts as they keep our money safe no matter what the economy may do.

The following is the breakdown of the funds in our care:

CAPITAL RESERVES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	
Balance as of 01/01/2002	25,037.89
Funds Deposited:	
2002 Warrant Article	10,000.00
Interest on Investments	471.14
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2002 Balance	35,509.03
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT	
Balance as of 01/01/2002	30,276.14
Funds Deposited:	
2002 Warrant Article	25,000.00
Interest on Investments	332.80
Funds Withdrawn:	
Purchase of 10 Wheel Mack	29,276.65
12/31/2002 Balance	26,332.29
SEWER PUMP RENOVATION & REPLACEMENT	
Balance as of 01/01/2002	10,860.74
Funds Deposited:	
2002 Warrant Article	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	183.14
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2002 Balance	12,043.88

POLICE CRUISER

Balance as of 01/01/2002	19,070.23
Funds Deposited:	
2002 Warrant Article	7,000.00
Interest on Investments	354.92
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2002 Balance	26,425.15

GENERAL FUND TRUSTS

TRANSFER STATION REPAIR, REPLACEMENT & EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2002	40,295.37
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	655.88
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2002 Balance	40,951.25

TOWN PAY PER BAGS

Balance as of 01/01/2002	4,589.00
Funds Deposited:	
2002 Warrant Article 11,540 @ .25	2,885.00
Interest on Investments	77.60
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2002 Balance	7,551.60

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

Balance as of 01/01/2002	20,066.40
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	344.27
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to offset the care of cemetery	344.27
12/31/2002 Balance	20,066.40

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy York-Letson, Bookkeeper, Trustee of Trust Funds

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:		
2002 Permits Issued	$127,160.00	
		$127,150.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:		
Licenses	$ 2,011.50	
Penalties	300.00	
Less 295 Fees	295.00	
		2,016.50
Filing Fees		5.00
Vital Statistics		194.00
TOTAL DEBITS		$129,365.50

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	$127,150.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties	2,016.50
Filing Fees	5.00
Vital Statistics	194.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$129,365.50
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 2002	1,393

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002
PREVIOUS UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF 1/1/02:

Property 2001	272,521.65
Land Use Change Tax	6,270.00
Sewer Taxes	1,190.00
Yield Taxes	1,998.28
Excavation Tax	720.60
Gravel Activity	2,019.00
Penalties	1,450.00
TAXES COMMITTED 2002:	
Property	1,243,556.00
Land Use Change Tax	13,492.00
Yield Tax	8,175.86
Sewer Tax	8,500.00
Excavation Tax	1,702.62
Penalties	6,300.00
Overpayments 2002	117.05
Overpayments 2001	102.69
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	20,707.86
TOTAL DEBITS	$1,588,823.61
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	
Property 2002	929,855.32
Property 2001	274,469.46
Land Use Change Tax 2002	13,492.00
Land Use Change Tax 2001	6,270.00
Yield Tax 2002	7,508.98
Yield Tax 2001	1,998.28
Sewer Tax 2002	6,800.00
Sewer Tax 2001	1,190.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	20,707.86
Excavation Tax 2002	1,702.62
Excavation Tax 2001	720.60
Penalties 2002	3,550.00
Penalties 2001	1,450.00

Current Levy Deeded	0
Abatements 2002	200.00
Abatements 2001	5,432.88
UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 12/31/02	
Property	308,358.73
Yield Tax	666.88
Sewer Tax	1,700.00
Excavation Tax	0
Penalties	2,750.00
Land Use Change	0
TOTAL CREDITS	$1,588,823.61

SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED

As of December 31, 2002

DEBITS

	2001	Prior
Balance of unredeemed taxes as of Jan. 1, 2002		$ 61,523.85
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$216,688.16	
Interest Collected After Lien	2,121.84	12,479.09
TOTAL DEBITS	$218,810.00	$74,002.94

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	$ 26,689.46	$ 43,220.84
Interest & Costs After Lien	2,121.84	12,479.09
Abatements	79.67	761.77
Excess Debits (Credits)	(.30)	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed at Close of Year	189,919.33	17,541.24
TOTAL CREDITS	$218,810.00	$74,002.94

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	68,198.92
Revenue Sharing	16,206.00
State Aid-Sewer	8,286.00
Railroad Tax	3,009.61
Rooms & Meals	26,850.61
Forest Fire Reimbursement	187.32
Forest Lands	671.20
TOTAL	**$123,409.66**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	344.27
Donations	200.00
Sale of Town Property	9,500.00
Income from Departments	1,588.22
Copy Money	325.60
Refuse Charges	2,910.71
Sale of Garbage Bags	16,050.00
Dividends & Reimbursements	1,100.08
Miscellaneous Revenue	121.85
Total	32,140.73
Grand Total	**$ 155,550.39**

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive	
Board of Selectmen	3,000.00
Printing & Public Notices	1,496.80
Dues	545.00
Miscellaneous	62.15
Total Executive	**$ 5,103.95**
Other General Government	
Juvenile Diversion Program	528.00
Lunenburg,Gilman,Concord, Senior Meals	400.00
North Country Council	859.60
Sub Total	1,787.60
Mount Washington Regional Airport	695.00
Caleb - Warrant Article #12	1,500.00
Total Other General Government	**$ 3,982.60**
Town Clerk	
Town Clerk Fees	2,786.00
Town Clerk Salary	1,000.00
Department of Agriculture	642.50
Office Expenses	841.39
Deputy Town Clerk	607.76
Dues	20.00
Payments to State Vital Records	194.00
Total Town Clerk	**$ 6,091.65**
Voter Registration	
Supervisors' Salaries	606.75
Supplies & Postage	.41
Public Notices	103.60
Total Voter Registration	**$ 710.76**

Election	
Election Workers	990.50
Meals	198.98
Total Election	**$ 1,189.48**
Financial Administration	
Administrative Assistant Salary	21,812.00
Tax Collector Fees	3,560.00
Tax Collector Salary	4,000.00
Auditor	4,300.00
Treasurer	3,600.00
Deputy Treasurer	32.50
Trustee of the Trust Funds	500.00
Assessor	8,361.96
Registry Fees	401.17
Maintenance & Repairs	1,191.21
Office Supplies	2,731.59
Postage	2,086.26
Mapping	1,540.00
RSA's	463.58
Total Financial Administration	**$54,580.27**
Legal Expenses	**$ 17,500.01**
Personnel Administration	
Social Security	9,508.07
State Unemployment Tax	335.50
Workers Compensation Fund	1,839.58
Medicare	2,223.67
Total Personnel Administration	**$13,906.82**

Planning & Zoning	
Public Notices	193.50
Postage	86.84
Recording Fees	96.68
Miscellaneous	692.00
Sub Total	1,069.02
Master Plan	906.51
Total Planning & Zoning	**$1,975.53**
General Government Buildings	
Telephone	1,997.40
Heat	1,339.07
Electric	1,251.39
Custodian	575.47
Maintenance & Repairs	590.74
Sub Total	5,754.07
Repair to Town Hall Roof	11,300.00
Total General Government Buildings	**$17,054.07**
Total Cemeteries	**$ 2,904.20**
Property-Liability Insurance	**$ 7,783.47**
Health Insurance	**$37,297.20**
Ambulances	**$ 5,380.00**

Police Department	
Chief's Salary	12,002.85
Equipment	739.72
Specials Pay	5,908.16
Fuel	875.61
Uniforms	267.90
Telephone	1,118.71
Dues, Conventions	200.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,072.45
Reference Material	547.24
Office Expenses	1,170.00
Training	69.52
Vehicle Expense	560.93
Total Police Department	**$ 24,533.09**
Fire Department	
Building Maintenance	57.00
Maintenance, Refills & Repairs	6,751.68
Telephone	360.69
Training	100.00
New Equipment	2,748.86
Equipment Repair	835.80
Heat	1,109.57
Electric	631.25
Chief's Salary	500.00
Salaries	3,780.00
Custodian	26.00
Fire Prevention Supplies	375.15
Gas & Diesel	521.62
Office Supplies	54.12
Sub Total	17,851.74
Fire Dept Gear - Warrant Article #11	5,981.50
Total Fire Department	**$ 23,833.24**
Fire Lanes	**$ 500.00**

Forest Fire Control	**$ 454.00**
Highway	
Administration	
Highway Salaries	72,290.55
Building Maintenance & Repairs	1,123.54
Heat	869.88
Uniforms	600.00
Electric	986.22
Telephone	521.74
Office Supplies	1,537.35
Shop Supplies	1,816.64
Dues	100.00
Tools	1,149.86
Sub Total Administration	**$ 80,995.78**
Paving & Reconstruction	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	13,906.13
Maintenance & Supplies	2,503.97
Asphalt, Gravel, Dust Control	86,585.23
Gas/Diesel	9,547.03
Sub Total Paving & Reconstruction	**$ 112,542.36**
Snow & Ice Control	**$15,235.76**
Total Highway	**$208,773.90**
French Rd. Bridge Project	**$ 2,332.00**
Street Lighting	**$799.22**

Solid Waste	
Disposal Fees	14,677.24
Martin's Food Basket (blue bags)	900.00
Supplies	665.63
Utilities	185.26
Maintenance & Repairs	432.79
Training	270.32
Well Testing	2,804.15
Salaries	14,643.00
Sub Total	34,578.39
Pay Per Bag Replacement Fund	2,885.00
Total Solid Waste	**$ 37,463.39**
Sewage Disposal	
Superintendent Salary	1,887.50
Payments to Lunenburg	7,360.00
Utilities	1,750.97
Maintenance & Repairs	495.04
Total Sewage Disposal	**$11,493.51**
Health Administration	
Dues	10.00
Mileage & Postage	17.28
Salaries	390.00
Total Health Administration	**$ 417.28**
Health Agencies	**$ 3,878.00**
Animal Control	
Boarding & Euthanasia	255.00
Total Animal Control	**$ 255.00**

Welfare	
Direct Assistance	1,265.54
Community Action Program	800.00
Total Welfare	**$ 2,065.54**
Culture & Recreation	
Library	9,571.00
Parks & Recreation	246.48
Patriotic Purposes	128.48
Total Culture & Recreation	**$9,945.96**
Conservation Commission	
Annual Appropriation	700.00
5% Current Use	988.64
Total Conservation Commission	**$1,688.64**
Principal-Long Term Debt	
Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	10,000.00
Caterpillar Financial	7,836.03
FHA-Sewer Note	516.36
Total Principal	**$ 18,352.39**
Interest-Long Term Debt	
State St. Bank/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	1,857.50
Caterpillar Financial	2,301.74
FHA-Sewer Note	850.64
Total Interest	**$ 5,009.88**
Refunds	**$ 109.55**

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accounts

Payment to Highway Department Capital Reserve Account	25,000.00
Payment to Fire Department Capital Reserve Account	10,000.00
Payment to Cruiser Capital Reserve	7,000.00
Payment to Sewer Pump Renovation & Replacement Capital Reserve Account	1,000.00
Total Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	**$ 43,000.00**
Taxes Paid to County	**$ 198,071.00**
Taxes Paid to School	**$ 768,548.00**
Tax Lien	**$ 216,688.16**
2002 Payments-Order of Selectmen	**$1,753,671.76**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Another year has gone by and we've made a few improvements in town. The French Road bridge has been completed and the town's share came in under the $30,000 we appropriated. We have a new roof on the Town Hall. The Town Hall is pretty much completed now, but could use a little landscaping.

The Union Road has been paved, which now makes the school bus routes all paved.

We opened a gravel pit off the Wells Road on the Moore's property. This pit is exclusively for the town's use. This pit will cut our road material costs in half. We commend the road crew for all the work they put into opening this pit, and for the maintenance of the town roads.

One of the last projects will be the closeout of the old landfill. This is supposed to be completed in 2003.

We thank all the volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to the Town of Dalton. We are sorry to see Pauline Streeter and Vera Smith leaving the positions on the checklist. We regret seeing Leon & Linda Cloutier leaving their positions on the Planning Board. They did say they would help train the new members to take over. Anyone who is interested in filling the vacant seats on the Planning Board should attend a Planning Board meeting.

We want to also thank Sandy and Jessie for all the work put into the town report getting it ready for print.

Dean Sweeney
Brian Hardy
Victor St.Cyr

The Mercier Group

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Dalton for the year ended December 31, 2002, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork. Areas of opportunity for further consideration include:

Development of fixed asset records to support GASB 34 reporting requirements.
Submission of all records for audit in future periods - Dalton Public Library.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 2002

Building upon the successful completion of the detailed digitalized study of the John's River waterway (funded last year by the Connecticut River Joint Commissions and done for us by "Watershed to Wildlife, Inc" of Whitefield), the Commission has moved forward with its *"Natural Resources Inventory of the Town of Dalton".* With the assistance of Berlin Community Technical College, we established a working relationship with a graduating senior in the "GIS Technology Program", who needed to do a field work project to complete his requirements. This young man, Craig Gaboriault, under supervision by both Berlin Tech and our Commission, did a significant amount of the preliminary research and technical groundwork that underlies our project. While the job is far from completed, he did move us forward considerably (at minimal cost, since he was essentially paid only for his out-of-pocket expenses).

What is GIS Technology? A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based technology that helps in the management, manipulation (complex handling), analysis and display of spatial (mapped) information. It is a powerful tool to assist decision-making, land use planning and (among other things) the production of "Natural Resource Inventories". The software involved is very expensive, very complicated and difficult to use (two members of the Commission are only partly trained in using it); purchase of the software is not feasible. Even using it will take professional assistance.

What is a Natural Resources Inventory (and do we have to have one)? The State of NH mandates that any town that establishes a Conservation Commission *must* then produce such a document as a valuable planning resource for its Select Board, Planning Commission and citizens. An N.R.I. (as it's called) contains text, photographs, diagrams and maps about a variety of topics: Mountains & Valleys, Waters and Wetlands, Woodlands and Open Space, Wildlife and Habitat, People and Land Use, Significant Natural Area of Features. It concerns itself with plants as well as animals (with special focus on any that are rare and/or endangered), with pure water supplies, and

with anything unique or special within the Town lands and waterways. WHY? To enable the people of Dalton to know what is "out there" as they make decisions about how the Town's natural assets are to be used and protected as the Town develops.

In order to make good decisions about how to use its land and the water, Dalton needs to know what is already in place and where it's located so that it can be protected and used intelligently and not merely exploited or (worse) ruined. That's why we're *mandated* to do the project. We will undoubtedly move forward in the coming year using funds allocated to the Commission by the Select Board (derived from paybacks to the Town when land is taken out of the "Current Use Program").

The Commission also recognizes that it has a significant role in the ongoing revision of the Town Master Plan (last revised in 1989) and stands ready to contribute to that effort. Both the N.R.I. and the "John's River Study" will contribute valuable data to that project. Further, the Commission functions as a *bridge between the local landowner and/or developer and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services* (which generates, monitors and enforces environmental regulations for the entire state. There are numerous state "regs" and permit-enabled procedures that impact not only logging, sand & gravel pits and junk yards - but also lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, shorelines and river banks as well as wetlands, swamps, ground water locations *and proposed intrusions into or modifications of any of them.* It's easy for well intending persons to run afoul of state "regs" innocently and there are always instances of persons who (already knowing the "regs") decide that they will ignore them. The time to find out what you can and cannot do....*is before the first shovel is turned or a subdivision is proposed!* The Conservation Commission stands ready to assist you in researching the applicable rules and procedures.

When significant misunderstandings or violations of NHDES regulations are brought officially to the attention of the Commission, it responds by trying to work out solutions locally. "Calling down to Concord" to report a violation (after which the matter of out of our hands) is the last resort. Please bear that in mind.

Personnel changes: David Falkenham and Agnes Mooney, after years of service to the Town, have tended their resignations; Dalton owes them both its thanks. Helen DeLage and Irene Valliere have just recently taken the vacant seats. Together they, along with Trish Hey and Nancy Comeau and myself comprise the Commission.

Respectfully submitted, Richard L. Rush

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Dalton Fire Department responded to 29 calls in the year 2002. Five calls were for mutual aid. Three were considered severe. There were no severe fires in Dalton.

A total of 14 training sessions were held in 2002. Many members attended a live burn mutual aid exercise held in Lancaster this past year. Three members completed a Class-B Commercial Drivers License course held by our department. The department continues to maintain a full complement of firefighters. We now have on our roster thirteen firefighters who are state certified.

This past year the fire department did implement a "pay per call" system. Firefighters are now paid for the time spent responding to emergency calls. The pay is based on a three-tiered system and is dependent on the level of training and participation of each member.

In the year 2002 the department purchased a computer and has begun programming and using the computer for various department related tasks.

Goals for 2003

- Replacing our support vehicle
- Repainting the fire station

With the continued support of the firefighters and the town we are confident in reaching our 2003 goals.

Allen C. Blakslee
Chief Dalton Fire Dept.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2002 several things were accomplished. A grant was applied for that will allow for an emergency generator to be obtained with matching funds to provide emergency power to both the Town Building and the Fire Station. An all hazard mitigation program was started with help from North Country Council. Certain critical facilities were mapped, charted, and photographed to assist in reacting to any type of situation, either natural or man made.

On January 8, 2003 we were notified of the approval of a partial funding (80%) for an emergency generator.

Respectfully submitted
John E Tholl, Jr.
Emergency Management Director

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2002 REPORT

This past year saw only one registered complaint. On the other hand, the Health Department responded to sixteen Subsurface Waste Disposal system inspections. These pre-approved inspections are required by the Town Health Ordinance which was adopted in 1998. Of this number, eleven were for new home construction.

One again this year, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is urging all homeowners of private wells to have their water sources tested. For anyone interested, there are brochures available at the town office with a phone number for NHDES for more information.

Respectfully submitted
Kevin Sweeney, Health Officer

2002 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The bus route paving project was completed in the fall of 2002 with the paving of Union Road. With all the major paving projects done, and no longer having a mile of road to try and get paved, the highway department budget should be easier to keep in check. Severe weather early on in November and December also added to the budget going over in 2002.
The 1987 Mack that was added to our fleet was an excellent purchase for the town. The ten wheeler has been a very good truck thus far, and we fully expect it to continue to be a relatively low maintenance vehicle for some time to come.

The vibratory roller got its paint job, and has been put to good use. It will be essential in doing the Ridge Road job. The Ridge Road will be worked on in small sections at time.

Other plans and projects for 2003 include the Transfer Station beautification project. Trees will be transplanted to help conceal the Transfer Station site. That will be a tremendous improvement and one we feel the people will welcome for our town.

Now that we have the gravel pit opened up, more time can be spent on getting ahead on gravel and winter sand. We also have about ten miles of shoulder work to get done and we will be working to bring the gravel roads back up to par, with gravel, ditching, and some widening in the works. Of course the paved roads will continue to get the necessary maintenance.

It is important to us that the townspeople understand that we always appreciate being told if there is a problem on a road in town that has not been acknowledged. We can't be on every road at all times, so the help of being informed of a problem is an incredible help to us, and aids in getting the problem fixed all the quicker. The number to the highway garage is 837-9821, and there is an answering machine to leave a message that is checked regularly. As always, concerns, questions and suggestions are always welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Wentworth Jr, Road Agent

LIBRARIAN REPORT
2002

CIRCULATION:	
Adult Materials	1154
Children's Materials	1050
Magazines, Videos, etc.	103
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	2307
New Borrowers	15
Regular Hours Open	480
Volunteer hours-Open	112
ACCESSIONS:	
Adult materials	83
Children's materials	155
Reference materials	5
Video / Audio	34
Periodicals	12
TOTAL ACCESSIONS:	287

The library held it's sixth Annual DALTON MOUNTAIN MUD RUN in April. This year the proceeds from the race along with a $500 anonymous donation helped the library acquire a computer for automating the library holdings. The recognition the library receives during this event has been outstanding. We wish to thank all those organizations and citizens who help with the event.

During the winter children participated in weekly stories, and crafts. The children learned about winter animals and made decorations for the Town Hall bulletin board. The Summer Reading Program LIONS, AND TIGERS, AND BOOKS OH MY was held during July and August There were eight children that signed up for the program. There was a picnic for the end of the program with games and prizes for the children.

This year the library held a book sale in August, participated in the annual Silver Tea in November and held a Holiday craft day in December. The children made items for their home and for their parents. Thanks for all the volunteers who help make it a great success. The Memory Tree was once again cosponsored with the Ladies' Aid. this annual event has grown over the years.

The State Library has updated their computer system to include a website for the public to access materials from their home. Our library is participating in this with the adding of our holdings and letting patrons email their requests to the library directly. Patrons would then come to the library for their materials once it is delivered on the State Van Delivery. For more information on how you can do this at home for homework or other reasons stop by the library.

I attended the New England Library Association (NELA) conference in October; and several state and local library related meetings throughout the year.

Once again the library is collecting old town reports. We are looking for 1950; 1956; and any before 1931. The issues will help us complete missing years so that they can be bound for our collection.

Many thanks are extended to all who helped with this year's many activities. The support and encouragement of the community has been outstanding. We wish to thank all our friends for their donated books, magazines, gifts and time to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
DORIS MITTON, Librarian

Trustees
JEAN ABBOTT
NANCY COMEAU
AMBER MCGUIRE

HOURS: Mon 2-5; Wed. 2-5 and 6:30-8:30 and Sat 10 - noon

DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 2002

Beginning balances - Jan 1, 2002	
Children's programs & services fund	$10,684.17
Cap. Reserve fund-technology	371.29
Checking account	3,977.20
Savings Account	138.66
	$15,171.32
Receipts:	
Town of Dalton-appropriation	$ 9,571.00
Grant - Gates Foundation	5,105.00
Fees & Fines	134.90
Donations	530.00
Book Sale, ornaments & magnets	170.15
Memory Tree proceeds - 2002	147.80
Reimbursement from Mud Run expenses	344.00
Interest on savings account	3.18
Interest on CPS fund CD	415.82
Total Income	$16,421.85
Expenditures:	
Salary	$ 5,616.00
Payroll expenses	429.66
Conferences & education expenses	700.00
Association Dues	80.00
Telephone expense	1,077.76
Supplies	320.51
Books and materials	1,145.51
Internet service	198.67
Bank fees	8.16
Mud Run	344.00
Equipment maintenance	185.68
Computer desk	29.40
Friends of DPL - memory tree 2002 $147.80 Donation for computer $500.00	647.80
Summer Reading Program (CPS Fund)	156.96
Parts for printer from Capital Reserve Fund	203.96
Friends of DPL for computer from Capital Reserve	167.33
Total Expenses	$11,311.40

Ending balance - Dec. 31, 2002	$20,281.77
Breakdown of ending balance:	
Children's Programs and Services Fund CD	$10,000.00
Accumulated interest to date (C.P.S. fund)	943.03
Cap. Res. Fund-technology	-.0-
Checking account	8,851.36
Less payroll taxes due	(143.20)
Savings account	513.13
Undeposited funds	117.45
	$20,281.77

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

PLANNING BOARD

This past year has seen less activity in the area of subdivisions. We only had two subdivisions with a total of 82.67 acres. It looks like the economy has hit another slump and people are not building as fast as they were. One of these subdivisions entailed joint approval from the Town of Lancaster and the Town of Dalton Planning Boards. This is only the second time I have seen a joint subdivision approval occur between two towns. We had one gravel pit closed this past year and two new gravel pits approved. All present gravel pits had their permits renewed this year for another two years.

There were some changes in the Board's membership in 2002. Victor St.Cyr, had to step down after being elected a Selectman at Town Meeting. Dean Sweeney still serves as the ex-officio member to the Board. John Letson, was re-appointed for another three year term. In June, Michelle Rzepa, was appointed as regular member, and Dennis Rexford, was appointed as an alternate in the Fall. This brings the Board up to full strength with five regular members and two alternates. Although, there will be more changes coming in 2003.

The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission had a couple of work sessions this past Spring to produce a new Community Attitude Questionnaire (survey). This is all part of updating our Town's Master Plan. The final survey consisted of twenty six (26) general questions and over 700 of these were mailed out in early June 2002. As of this time we have had about a 40% return rate, which is much higher than expected. The results of this survey are being compiled and will be released in early 2003. The funds for this endeavor came from the warrant article passed at the 2002 Town Meeting.

As I said earlier, changes are coming in 2003. As of the 2003 Town Meeting, I am stepping down from the Planning Board and all other Town business. My wife Linda, is also stepping down from the secretary/alternate position. We have tried to do so for two years, but were convinced to stay on a little longer. Well, that little longer has come, and it is time for us to go. I started on the Planning Board as the Selectman's representative. I served with many good people and under three chairman's, Jill Brooks, Butch Rexford and Roger Hutchins. My wife was hired by Jill Brooks to be the Secretary, and has done so since then. Both of us have at least 18 years service to our community and believe we have done more than our part. We thank all the good people we have worked with and know that the Planning Board will continue to do its work accordingly.

Leon A. Cloutier, Chairman

DALTON POLICE REPORT

2002 was another busy year for the department. During the fall we experienced an unusual number of burglaries in a short time. Thanks to the alertness of our citizens, and with the help of Trooper Eric Johnson and other members of area Police Departments, 4 young men were apprehended and charged with 8 burglaries in Dalton. Approximately 23 burglaries were in Dalton and the surrounding towns. Several thousand dollars of stolen property was recovered including one of the guns stolen in Dalton.

The Dalton Police Department compiled the following statistics:

Incidents 49 Arrests 7 Accidents 14 Citations 73

The breakdown is as follows:

	Incidents*		
Assaults	2	Arson	1
Criminal Threatening	9	Burglary	11
Thefts	12	Stolen Vehicle	4
Criminal Mischief	7	Sexual Assault	1
DWI	2	Trespass	4
Domestic Violence	2	All Other	5

* The totals above reflect the numbers of crimes, several crimes are included in some of the Incidents. (ie 60 crimes in 49 incident reports).

Arrests

Burglary	4	DWI	2	Motor Vehicle	1

Citations

Warnings	63	Court	10

The average speed was 59 MPH, with 15 of the citations for non-speed related offenses. Three of the citations were the result of accidents.

During 2002 the members of the department worked 1,684.25 hours, these numbers are broken down as follows:

	Chief	Special Officers
Administration Hours	259.5	
Station Duty	168.75	10.5
Administration Reports	55	
Patrol	406.5	186
Accident Investigation	10.5	15
Accident Reports	6.5	8.5
Criminal Investigation	73.25	48.5
Criminal Reports	22	10
Equipment Service	38	2
PC Reports	8.5	4
Training	57.5	23.5
General Service	152.25	115
Court	18.5	3
Totals	1276.75	426

The Dalton Police Department would like to remind all of the citizens of Dalton, that without your help, and cooperation, solving crimes and preventing them is difficult at best. Crime prevention is a team effort, both you and the police. Report suspicious vehicles and persons, take down license plate numbers of vehicles that are suspicious and tell the police. Report accidents and crimes promptly, we can't solve it if we don't know it happened. We work best when we work together.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Tholl Jr.
Chief of Police

2002 Report for the Transfer Station and Recycling

Reminder to all Dalton Residents! As of January 1, 2003 ALL residential burning of household trash in backyard burn barrels or home incinerators is PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW and subject to fines. Please plan accordingly.

The figures are in and news is not pleasant. **Dalton residents have apparently cut back their recycling efforts significantly.** "The bloom is off the rose" and it will cost the taxpayers accordingly.

(1) We sold *more* blue bags in 2002 than in 2001, but
(2) The total tonnage hauled to Bethlehem landfill is considerably *higher*, and
(3) The tonnages recycled are considerably *less*.

Tons hauled to landfill:	**2002**	**2001**	**2000**
	132.57	97.47	219.89

Recycled items: (in Gaylord bins unless otherwise specified)	**2002**	**2001**
Newspaper	***35***	***38***
Mixed Paper	***59***	***61***
Glossy Magazines	***12***	***13***
#1 plastic	***29***	***40***
#2 plastic	***40***	***47***
Milk Jugs	***52***	***62***
Aluminum cans	***23.5***	***32.5***
Glass	***10.4 tons***	***31.0 tons***
Galvanized metal cans	***1.5 tons***	***.9 ton***
Corrugated cardboard	***14.2 tons***	***31.0 tons***

Given the fact that the town population is relatively unchanged and that no major new businesses were started (whose waste might have been added to our totals), there are few alternative explanations than these:

Some people who in 2001 used a private hauler did not in 2002 (and did not sort their recyclables and just dumped everything in blue bags)...

Some people, rather than take a not-quite-full blue bag to the Transfer Station "topped off the bag" before they closed it....*with recyclables* (telling themselves that they wanted to get their $1.50 worth for the blue bag)...

Many people just plain got lazy and complacent, and put recyclables regularly into their blue bags ("the easy way out").

TO DUMP RECYCLABLES INSIDE YOUR BLUE BAGS IS TO PAY TWICE TO GET RID OF THEM!!!!! You personally paid for the blue bag.....and as a taxpayer you paid both a hauling fee and a dumping fee at the Bethlehem landfill to dispose of the same items. It's your money....

If the Town has to go to *mandatory recycling* to get this under control, you will be faced with hiring another employee (salary, health insurance etc.) to stand there and watch you empty and sort your blue bag contents and then reload those items acceptable for the land fill back into your blue bag before you put it in the dumpster. Several NH towns have had to go this route. It's costly and aggravating. Surely the people of Dalton can do better than resort to that! It's entirely in your hands.

In other Transfer Station news for 2002:

. The Town was hit with a huge unexpected hike in dumping fees at the Bethlehem landfill in the fall; it bloated our projected costs for the year. (Note: be advised that we are overdue for an increase in hauling fees and can expect one during 2003).

. In January of 2002 North Country Environmental "back billed" us for a price increase in tipping that should have been billed in 2001, thereby bloating our 2002 costs even more.

- We got the costs of handling our "C&D" (construction and demolition debris) back under control this year by limiting and controlling the access to the pile, thereby making it much harder for people to "cheat" items into the pile without paying for them.
- We purchased at a bargain price a hanging scale that can be installed and used to give us far more accurate measurement of our Gaylord bin tonnages (which is of critical importance for our future waste disposal plans).
- We will be reordering the large blue bags at some point in 2003 (you have already paid for them to be manufactured).
- We hope to both install an emergency-use telephone (as required by law) at the Transfer Station, and to initiate the collection and transfer of at least one household hazardous waste: oil base paint and oil base stain in 2003 (if our budget is passed intact).

Every year I remind you that someday the Bethlehem landfill will either be closed or filled to capacity. The only other landfill within reasonable hauling distance requires that a Town prove that at least 40% of its municipal waste tonnage has been recycled each year (which is why we need to keep accurate records of tonnages). *It is also the reason that this year's statistics of tons hauled and tons recycled are so disastrous for Dalton's future (let alone its present costs).* We need to do a whole lot better in 2003 than we did in 2002, and that is entirely in *your* hands.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard L. Rush
(volunteer Recycling Coordinator) 837-9869

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

A new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State Government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized NH State Government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State Government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium more than 300 citizens are appointed to these public Boards. The address is: State House, 107 North Main St. Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is: (603) 271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make very sure our region is a part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the Governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State Web site at: http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/ or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know.

As Councilor, I will be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten Year Highway Plan. All Town, Counties and Cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your regional Planning Commission as a starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan visit the DOT web site:http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal Budget.

For every dollar of taxation we send to Washington we get back ONLY 71 CENTS! Let's send many lists to Senators Gregg, and Sununu, and Congressmen Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better!

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.

Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor

The Caleb Group
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

The year 2002, was a very good year for the Caleb Group. During the year we were able to raise enough funds, and recruit and train volunteers so we could continue our heartfelt mission...Enhancing independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

The Caleb Group assisted more than 211 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. In 2002, volunteers donated over 4,100 hours and 33,337 miles. The transportation issue has not changed, up here in the North Country, and our wonderful volunteers drove an additional 1,000 miles, over the previous year. We are so lucky to have over 119 active volunteers, who provide a very crucial support system to their elderly neighbors. Without these volunteers, The Caleb Group would not exist. Other than our transportation service, which provides rides for shopping, medical appointments and just getting out of the house, these volunteers also help their older neighbors with such things as friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, chores, paperwork, light housekeeping, and errands. Caleb volunteers also assist with various other community programs, such as, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program every other month. These volunteers deliver food to elders who are totally homebound. The Caleb Group, working in conjunction with Shaw's Supermarket of Littleton, provides day old bread to seniors that are having a hard time making ends meet. Caleb volunteers distribute the bread to elders in many of the communities. In September of 2002, The Caleb Group teamed up with Wal-Mart, of Littleton, to start a pet food project. Wal-Mart not only gave a financial donation, but also donated all their ripped bags of pet food to the program. For 2002, The Caleb Group distributed oiver 850 pounds of pet food to help the elderly feed their pets. Caleb volunteers still provide training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Computer classes are held every Wednesday morning, at the Highland House Computer Lab.

There are no fees for the volunteer caregiver services provided by The Caleb Group. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Dalton for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The $1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2003.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to be a volunteer caregiver, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please contact the Caleb Office at 837-9179. The Caleb Group is also looking for a caring person, from the Town of Dalton, to become a member of the Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Gaudes
Program Director

Advisory Board Members
Eleanor Brauns, Twin Mountain
Myra Emerson, Lancaster
Carl Rod, Jefferson
Rev. Arthur Savage, Bethlehem
Rev. Cliff Vendt, Whitefield

REPORT OF COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfl.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY	# of Fires	Acres
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc*	356

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER REPORT

The Senior Center, independently run, is located on Riverside Avenue in Gilman, Vermont.

Our kitchen served 11,000 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes Homebound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Homebound meals are delivered by volunteers, with their vehicles. The Area Agency gives them a mileage reimbursement.

An advocate from the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, located in St.Johnsbury, is available to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, Medicaid/Medicare and Social Security. Volunteers are available to help with Tax Rebates, and Companionship. Information about these programs is available by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119.

The Center sponsors many events that are open to the public. On the last Friday of the month after lunch Pokeno is played.

The Center provides "Senior-cise", group exercises for seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 am. The fourth Thursday of each month is "Bookmarks" at the Alden Balch Library in Lunenburg. Programs, books and refreshments on special occasions are available through this program.

Share sign-up is available monthly as are USDA commodities for family and elders for more information call the Center at 892-6616. Also available is the Commodities supplemental food program (CSFP) which is for people over 60 years old or older. This is delivered in the parking lot the 4th Thursday of the month. For information please call the Health Department at 1-800-241-4648.

Our famous "Boutique" is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm or by appointment. Clothing donations are gratefully accepted and all sales are on a donation basis.

Continued community support for the Center will go a long way to help keep services for the elderly available, where and when it is needed. For more information call (802)892-6616.

Algenia Merrow,Chairman of the Board of Directors

Report From Mount Washington Regional Airport To Towns in Regional Authority

The year 2002 was a challenging time for the aviation industry in the aftermath of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks on America. The aftershocks were felt at Mount Washington Regional Airport (MWRA) into 2002 as air traffic was down during the first quarter of 2002, but increased steadily throughout the year allowing the Commission to report a modest $5,835 surplus.

The MWRA Commission is composed of volunteers who meet monthly at the airport terminal building in Whitefield. Commissioners are: Ken Jordan, Joe Elgosin, and Florian Corriveau, Whitefield; Brian Hardy, Dalton; Fred Hollis, Twin Mountain; Burt Ingerson and David Willis, Littleton; David Hill, Lancaster; Carl Rod, Jefferson; Jayne O'Connor, North Woodstock; E. Jon LaBrecque, Lincoln; Susan Simpson, Franconia, and Chip Holmes, Bethlehem. Meeting notices and meeting minutes are posted in member towns.

Sources of MWRA of funding include hangar leases, gasoline sales and appropriations from member towns represented on the commission. The Airport Commission recognizes that the generous financial support of member communities is vital to the airport's operation.

During the past year two significant safety improvement projects were completed: (1) a major tree clearing project that removed obstructions along the west to east flight path, and (2) installation of a new rotating safety beacon. Ninety percent of the funds for the more than $500,000 investment came from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the state Division of Aeronautics and the MWRA each contributing 5 per cent matches.

The year 2003 will be one of transition. Richard Polonsky, the airport's consultant for several years, has stepped down to devote more time to his business. The Commission intends to recruit a part-time executive director to oversee development of the airport's master plan, implementation of the marketing study, and to seek

outside funding sources to solidify MWRA's financial picture through increased airport usage.

The airport continues to grow. This year the Commission expects to review plans for additional hangars. In 2004, work includes design and permitting for a 500 foot runway extension to be built in 2005.

On the human side of the equation, the airport participates in the Angel Flight program, enabling North Country residents to take advantage of free flights to medical facilities as far away as Boston and Worcester, MA.

With the help of user pilots, the MWRA hopes to kindle more interest in flying among young people with airplane rides and discussion groups with local pilots. The MWRA plans to have two fly-ins during the calendar year.

The Mount Washington Regional Airport is a valuable asset supporting the transportation needs of North Country residents, resort hotels and recreation, and businesses. We welcome your thoughts on how we can fulfill our mission to the North Country.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hill, Chairman

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2002

It has been another busy year at North Country Council. We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. Summaries of some of the major projects are as follows:

Transportation:

- Completed with the NHDOT and member communities the regional bike path map.
- Completed the Route 2 Corridor Study and continue to participate in the Route 2 working group.
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.
- Conducted 138 traffic counts in 38 communities

Economic Development:

- Submitted two EDA economic development applications. (The MWVEC technology village and the Dartmouth Incubator).
- Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee.
- Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region.
- Finish Phase 1 of the Industrial Park Marketing Program.

Community/Regional Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to 28 towns throughout the region.
- Participated in the update of 12 master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities.
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning.

Environmental Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to over 38 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste collections for 32 communities.
- Conducted solid waste and transfer station evaluation for three community transfer stations.
- Began a pilot fluorescent light collection program.

- Managed a source water protection program for the Department of Environmental Services, which developed methods to help in the prevention of surface intake contamination.
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2003. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. We presently have nine staff people focusing on providing technical assistance in Transportation, Community Planning, Economic Development and Environmental Planning. Major programs for the year 2003 will be completion of our five-year update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the development of a Regional Plan (transportation, natural resources, economic development, community planning) and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town evaluations on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Michael J. King, Executive Director

RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE
2002 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, the Subcommittee sponsored a public meeting to share the results of a study of river sediments and fish tissue in our region, by the EPA and the states of Vermont and New Hampshire.

We also worked with the Towns of Lunenburg and Lancaster, and the Vermont Leadership Center, to build a new public access at the Mt.Orne Bridge for fishing and launching car-top boats.

We have distributed boating guides to the river and a new map and guide for the Connecticut River Byway, a regional economic development project focusing on the river, natural resources, recreation, farming, history, culture, and local products. Copies of both of these free publications are available at the visitor centers in Lancaster and Wells River.

We have continued to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, including riverbank stabilization.

The Riverbend Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. Citizens interested in actively representing the Town should contact the Selectmen. The public is invited to join our meetings, held on the fourth Thursday evening of every other month, usually in the Littleton Community House. Helpful information, including advice on bank erosion, riparian buffers, and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, a calendar of meetings, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan,* are on the web at www.crjc.org.

WEEKS HOME HEALTH SERVICE 2002 REPORT

Highlights in Review

Personal Care Service Provider. The agency implemented a newly approved level of care for Home & Community-Based Care (HCBC) patients which allows for extended blocks of time and the use of trained homemakers to assist with limited personal care. This is an important benefit for the high-risk, frail elderly.

A Parent 2B. A new program for pregnant Moms and their babies has been started at Weeks. The family will receive home nursing care and education during the pregnancy and for 1 year following the baby's birth. The goal is to build a strong family and baby, *right from the start!*

Homebound Status. Medicare has lessened the requirements for "homebound" status. Patients can now occasionally leave their homes for non-medical activities, but the effort must still be "taxing and difficult".

Flu Clinics. The agency provided the community with over 1500 flu shots.

Regional and Town Services - A Summary

	Skilled Nursing	Rehab Services	Home Hlth Aide	Home-makers	Total Visits &Units
Regional services by Weeks Home Health	6,109	1,172	9,384	30,185	46,850
Services to the Town Dalton	125	33	64	132	354

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2002

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Apr 02	Jeffrey Wayne	Hook, Jeffrey	Hook, Tiffany	Littleton, NH
Apr 23	Taylor Mary	Roy, Linwood	Roy, Patti	Littleton, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2002

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Sep 14	Walter V. Hartshorn III	Dalton, NH	Michelle M. Lambert	Dalton, NH
Nov 02	John A. Bean	Dalton, NH	Kara M. Bresnahan	Dalton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2002

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
Jan 07	Guy G. Toupin	Dalton, NH	Maurice Toupin	Theresa Hevey
Feb 02	William Martin	Manchester, NH	John Martin	Marion Marchant
Feb 18	Charles F. Astle	Sarasota, FL	Frank Astle	Corrine Weston
Mar 02	Marjorie E. Morse	Dalton, NH	William Jones	Gertrude Churchill
Apr 22	Vincent E. Grenier	White River Jct., Vt	Edmond Grenier	Therese Poulin
May 05	David J. Cornelius	Lebanon, NH	John Cornelius	Margaret Smith
May 23	Jeanette B. Holmes	Lancaster, NH	Charles Belmore	Emily Pilotte

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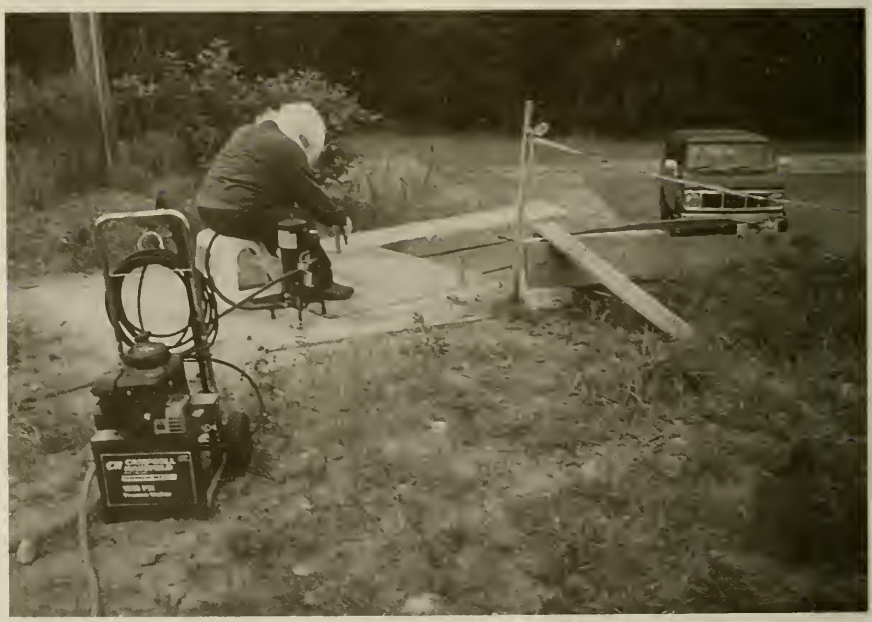
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THE TOWN'S GRAVEL PIT



WORK IN PROGRESS FOR THE TIME CAPSULE



POURING CEMENT ON FRENCH ROAD BRIDGE



PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE
FRENCH ROAD BRIDGE



DALTON ANNUAL "MUD RUN" BANNER



CRAIG GABORIAULT, DICK RUSH, SAM STODDARD
WORKING ON THE DALTON NATURAL RESOURCES